

Claim 1 presently reads:

- 5 1. (previously amended) A container for storing and dispensing consumer products,
comprising:
- a tray having a generally planar top surface into which has been formed one or more
discrete cavities for receiving the consumer products; and
- a cover film to be secured to the generally planar top surface of the tray to seal the
10 one or more cavities to retain the consumer products in the one or more cavities;
- the cover film having pre-formed tear lines defining a tear-off portion corresponding
to the periphery of the or each cavity to retain the consumer products in that cavity until it is
removed by tearing along its tear lines, the or each tear-off portion of the cover film having
an associated lug portion not secured to the tray in use, for gripping by a consumer
- 15 preparatory to tearing off the said tear-off portion;

CHARACTERISED IN THAT the top surface of the tray has an upwardly extending
protrusion positioned to be located beneath the or each lug portion in use to bend that lug
portion upwardly out of the plane of the reminder of the cover film when the cover film is
secured to the generally planar top surface of the tray.

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It is proposed to amend claim 1 to read instead:

1. (as proposed to be amended) A container for storing and
dispensing consumer products, comprising:
- 25 a tray having a generally planar top surface into which has
been formed one or more discrete cavities for receiving the
consumer products; and
- a cover film to be secured to the generally planar top
surface of the tray to seal the one or more cavities to retain
- 30 the consumer products in the one or more cavities;

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the cover film having pre-formed tear lines defining a
respective tear-off portion corresponding to the periphery of
one or more cavities [the or each cavity] to retain the consumer
products in [that] the respective cavity until the tear-off
5 portion [it] is removed by tearing along its tear lines, the
respective [or each] tear-off portion of the cover film having a
respective [an] associated lug portion not secured to the tray
in use, for gripping by a consumer preparatory to tearing off
the respective [said] tear-off portion;

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CHARACTERISED IN THAT the top surface of the tray, prior to
the application of the cover film, has an upwardly extending
projection positioned to be located underneath the respective
[or each] lug portion in use to bend that lug portion upwardly
15 out of the plane of the remainder of the cover film when the
cover film is [secured] applied to the tray to secure it to the
generally planar top surface of the tray to retain the consumer
products in the one or more cavities.

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